

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

UPPER EAST REGION



As the state's chief financial officer, I am charged with monitoring the economic health of our state and its regions. The state of Texas has 12 economic regions including the Upper East Region.

The 23-county Upper East Region encompasses about 16,000 square miles in the northeast corner of Texas, stretching from the Arkansas and Louisiana borders on the east to Cedar Creek Reservoir on the west. Below we examine demographic and economic statistics that influence the region's economy.

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UPPER EAST REGION COUNTIES:

ANDERSON	FRANKLIN	MARION	SMITH
BOWIE	GREGG	MORRIS	TITUS
CAMP	HARRISON	PANOLA	UPSHUR
CASS	HENDERSON	RAINS	VAN ZANDT
CHEROKEE	HOPKINS	RED RIVER	WOOD
DELTA	LAMAR	RUSK	

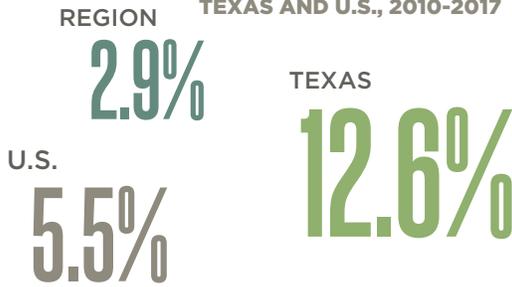
CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIES:

- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
 - PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
 - OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION
 - WOOD PRODUCT MANUFACTURING
 - FORESTRY AND LOGGING
 - ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND AQUACULTURE
- PAPER MANUFACTURING
 - PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING
 - FOOD MANUFACTURING
 - HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Source: JobsEQ®

POPULATION GROWTH

UPPER EAST REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2017



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The Upper East Region's estimated total population in 2017 was 1.14 million, or nearly 4 percent of the state's total population. This is an increase of 3 percent (more than 32,000 people) since the 2010 census.

JOBS & WAGE CHANGES, 2007-2017

In 2017, the Upper East Region accounted for 3.5 percent of the state's total employment.

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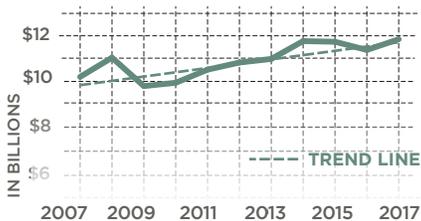
* Real rate of change

** Figures include private and public sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed.

Sources: JobsEQ and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

ECONOMY

REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX 2007-2017



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Sales receipts subject to state sales tax directly attributable to the Upper East Region have trended upward in the past decade.

CONCLUSION

The Upper East Region and its 23 counties have many economic variables and challenges that are unique. The economic hub is Smith County, the region's most populous county as well as the fastest growing.

The region has seen limited population growth since 2010; its median age is significantly older than the state's as a whole; and average household income is less than the statewide average. The U.S. military's presence has had a positive economic impact on the region, however, and most of the top 10 most concentrated industries saw a significant rise in average wages from 2007 to 2017. The region's high school graduation rate has reliably outperformed the state's rate year after year, and the local economy has seen a steady increase in receipts subject to state sales tax since the 2009 recession.

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THE UPPER EAST REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

To see a complete list of these regions, plus more in-depth county-by-county data, visit: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/